

## Tennis Tourney Schedule To Be Fixed Saturday

Two subjects of prime importance will come up for action at the meeting of the executive committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The first will be the adoption of the tournament schedule and the second the planning for the junior and boys' tournaments during the coming outdoor season.

Julian S. Myrick, vice-president of the association, has written to the committee urging it to take up locally the appointment of representatives who will interest themselves in fostering competition for the younger players.

Not only the boys but the girls are to have their opportunities this year, for the latter are to have their own junior and girls' tournaments, the most important being the national girls' championship at the Philadelphia Hotel, starting on June 17, in conjunction with the women's national tournament.

The Federal authorities at Washington realize the importance of keeping up the physical standards of the youth of the land and are in complete accord with the plans of the national tennis body.

Major General Leonard Wood, in commenting on this matter recently, said: "With reference to the tennis tournaments, I think it is a good plan to have them, especially for the younger boys, who are not at training camps."

**Cannefax Beats Moore**  
Twice in Billiard Match  
George Moore went down to defeat twice yesterday at the hands of Robert Cannefax at Thum's Billiard Academy in Interstate Three-Cushion Billiard League match games. In the afternoon Cannefax played in real championship form, scoring the necessary 50 points to win the game in 37 minutes and 43 seconds.

Moore was able to score only 15 points, and his highest run was 2. The second game was closely contested, the score being 50 to 47, and lasted 70 minutes. Both players finished strong.

**Wrestling at Columbia**  
The intercollegiate wrestling championship tourney is to take place at Columbia this evening. Seven institutions have entered the tourney. The finals will be staged to-morrow afternoon.

**Britton Matched With Duffy**  
ATLANTA, Ga., March 21.—Jack Britton, former waterweight champion, and Jimmy Duffy have been matched to fight for the benefit of the Camp Gordon Athletic equipment fund. It was announced here to-day.

**Wins Harvard Boxing Title**  
CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21.—Harvard University boxing champion, Edw. J. "Red" Smith, won the title to-night when he defeated F. C. Fleback, of Washington, D. C., on a technical knockout in the third round in the heavyweight division. The finals will be staged to-morrow afternoon.

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## Theatre Under Hammer

The Lexington Avenue Opera House, erected by Oscar Hammerstein at a cost of \$2,000,000 several years ago, was sold yesterday at auction for \$450,000. The sale, which was made by the Manhattan Life Insurance Company to foreclose a mortgage which, with back interest and taxes, totalled \$540,000, wipes out any interest held in the property by the former impresario.

The property was ordered sold by Justice Hotchkiss in a foreclosure action which had been in the court for two years. Henry W. Kennedy, of Holmes, Rapallo & Kennedy, attorneys for the insurance company, was the only one who answered Arthur C. Sheridan, auctioneer, when he asked for an offer for the amusement building, which is at Lexington Avenue and Fifty-first Street. His bid was \$450,000, \$70,000 less than the total incumbrance.

Judgment will be filed for the \$70,000 difference.

**Norfolk Sailors**  
Enter for Penn  
Racing Carnival

Entries from the Norfolk Naval Training Station were received yesterday by the University of Pennsylvania for the relay carnival to be held on Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on the last Friday and Saturday of April. The applications were sent by Louis J. Young, a former Penn football star, who is now athletic aid to the commander at the Southern station.

The Norfolk sailors will start in the one-mile and medley relay races, which give promise of being the most stubbornly fought contests for the enlisted men on the programme. The Penn officials have already received the entries of teams from seven army and navy camps and expect to have at least a dozen starters in each contest.

Director Young believes that he has a formidable group of athletes, of whom many are former college men, and anticipates winning one of the championships.

Races for the men in service will occupy a prominent place on the programme. In all, eight of them are listed, including novel forms of events that should bring out some stiff competition. In addition to these contests, the Quaker institution has card and a pentathlon championship, relay championships for colleges, and schoolboy and other events on field.

**Oessey Will Try for Title**  
At Y. M. C. A. Gym Meet

Joseph Oessey, West Side Y. M. C. A., has entered for the all-around title in the Metropolitan Association A. A. U. gymnastic championships, to be held Saturday evening, March 30, in the Twenty-third Street branch of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium.

Oessey holds individual titles on parallel bars and high bar, but was beaten for the national title last year by Jorgensen, of the Norwegian Turn and Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, by only a scant margin.

**Montclair Academy Wins**  
The gunners of Montclair Academy scored their third win with the Borden-town Military Institute as their opponent, on the Montclair ranges yesterday. The score was 972 to 934. Sherman and Moore, of Montclair, each returned a 196.

**Perry Signs With Atlanta**  
ATLANTA, Ga., March 21.—Scott Perry, of the Chicago Nations, has signed with the Atlanta Club of the Southern Association, it was announced to-day. Perry pitched for Atlanta in 1915 and 1916. He signed with the Cubs last year.

**Jersey Idler, Here, Gets**  
24 Hours to Go to Work

Jobless New Jerseyites have another thought coming if they believe New York is a haven of refuge from the "work or jail" law recently passed in that state.

Magistrate Nolan, sitting in the West Side Court yesterday, told Harry Sherman, nineteen, a youth who had been arrested at Eighty-first Street and Broadway and who admitted he had come to New York from New Jersey to escape the law against idleness, unless he found work within twenty-four hours he would be immediately rearrested. He said he had not had a job in four years.

**John J. Scannell's Will**  
Disposes of \$100,000 Estate

MINEOLA, N. Y., March 21.—An estate of approximately \$100,000 is disposed of in the will of John J. Scannell, former Fire Commissioner of New York and friend of Richard Croker, filed for probate here to-day. He died recently at Jamaica.

## Hylan Takes Steps To Force B. R. T. to Improve Service

**Starts Inquiry When Public Service Commission Fails to Act**

**Inspectors Put on Job**  
**Delaney's Men Will Check Up on Brooklyn Bridge Congestion**

Mayor Hylan ran out of patience yesterday at the congested conditions at the Brooklyn terminal of the Brooklyn Bridge—a subject on which he has written several letters to the Public Service Commission and other parties—and took matters in his own hands.

Charging that if the B. R. T. or the Public Service Commission had any desire to see that "the people had proper service" they could have remedied the condition long ago, he ordered Commissioner John H. Delaney of the Department of Plant and Structures to have inspectors check up on the conditions at the bridge terminal for the purpose of presenting evidence to the District Attorney.

Mayor Hylan's Letter  
His letter follows:  
"The congested condition which has been complained of at the Brooklyn terminal of the Brooklyn Bridge still continues. The trains from the Lexington Avenue, Ridgewood and other lines turn off the loop, passengers are dumped out and compelled to go down stairs and ride in the already overcrowded trains across the bridge to the Black Sea."

"This most serious condition has been brought to the attention of the Public Service Commissioners and they have done nothing to improve conditions."

"I want you to send men out to investigate this condition, to make note of the trains turned back, also of the people trying to board trains already overcrowded coming from a word which turned back. Take the number of those on the platform and in the cars; the names of any persons complaining of the condition; the names of those who are willing to come forward on subpoena to testify as to the conditions observed; the number of the car; the number of the guard; the time, and

Birds may be encouraged to build in the meadow lands near the bridge."

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## No Wheat in Odessa, Grain Expert Says

CHICAGO, March 17.—J. Ralph Pickell, a grain merchant, who has just returned from Russia, where he passed six months studying crop conditions, said to-day that there was no wheat in Odessa, a city which is 200 miles from the Black Sea.

Mr. Pickell declares that Nikolaiev, another Odessa, is a great wheat storing center, and that large quantities of Cossacks stand between the invading Germans and vast storehouses containing 5,000,000 bushels of wheat.

"The port of Nikolaiev is 200 miles northeast of Odessa, on the extending mouth of the River Bug, and gets its supply of grain from shipments on the Black Sea," he said.

He said that the Germans are fast dwindling because of the shortage in other parts of the country, and the probability is it will either be gone or moved further north before the Germans can get there.

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